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| (REV 10-95)       |   | LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES   | PET-2171   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1                 |   | D/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)   | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR §1.5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                   |   | G A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371   | 10/522782  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| PCT/FR2003/002220 |   | July 11, 2003   | August 1, 2002                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TITLE OF          | INVENTION   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Applica           | nt herewith submits to t  | the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the  | following items and other information:           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.                | This is a FIRST submis  | ssion of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.                | This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.                | This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.                | A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.                | A copy of the Internation   | onal Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                   | a. $\square$ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                   | b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau.  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| _                 | c. $\square$ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.                | A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)).   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.                | Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3))   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                   | _   | made; however, the time limit for making such amendments ha   | s NOT expired.                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                   |   | made and will not be made.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. 📙              | A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9.                | An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)).   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.   Items 11    |   | exes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under locument(s) or information included: | PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11.               | An Information Disclos  | sure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12.               | An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§3.28 and 3.31 is included.  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13.               | A FIRST preliminary as  | A FIRST preliminary amendment.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                   | A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14. 🗆             | A substitute specification.   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15. 🗆             | A change of power of a  | A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16. 🗆             | Other items or informat   | ion:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 17. 🛭 The  | The following fees are submitted:  |                                   |                         |                                   |               | CALCULATIONS            | PTO USE ONLY             |     |  |
| BAS  | BASIC NATIONAL FEE ( 37 CFR §1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):   |                                   |                         |                                   |               |                         |                          |     |  |
| Sea  | rch Report   | has been prepar                   | ed by the EF            | O or JPO                          |               | \$1000.00               |                          |     |  |
| Inte   | rnational p  | reliminary exam                   | ination fee             | paid to USPTO (37 CFR §1.48       | 2)            | \$750.00                |                          |     |  |
| No<br>but  | internation<br>internation   | 2)<br>\$790.00                    |                         |                                   |               |                         |                          |     |  |
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|  | rnational p  |                                   |                         |                                   |               |                         |                          |     |  |
| 13   |  | ENTE                              | ER APPE                 | ROPRIATE BASIC F                  | EE            | AMOUNT =                | \$1,000.00               |     |  |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. §1.492(e)).  |  |                                   |                         |                                   |               |                         |                          |     |  |
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| Total claims   |  |                                   | - 20 =                  |                                   | x             | \$ 50.00                |                          |     |  |
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| MULTIPLE I   | DEPENDE  | NT CLAIM(S) (                     | if applicable           | e)                                | +             | \$ 280.00               |                          |     |  |
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|  |  |                                   |                         |                                   | SI            | UBTOTAL =               | \$1,000.00               |     |  |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. §1.492(f)).   |  |                                   |                         |                                   |               |                         |                          |     |  |
|  |  |                                   |                         | TOTAL NA                          | TIO           | ONAL FEE =              | \$1,000.00               |     |  |
| Fee for record   | ling the end   | closed assignmen                  | nt (37 C.F.R            | . §1.21(h)). The assignment m     |               |                         | <del></del>              |     |  |
| an appropriate   | cover she  | NCLOSED =                         | \$1,000.00              |                                   |               |                         |                          |     |  |
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| b. D P   | lease char<br>duplicate  | ge my Deposit<br>copy of this she | Account Neet is enclose | No. 13-3402 in the amount         | of            | \$                      | to cover the above fe    | es. |  |
| c. T   | c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to |                                   |                         |                                   |               |                         |                          |     |  |
|  | eposit Acc   | count No. 13-                     | 3402. A c               | luplicate copy of this sheet is e | nclo          | sed.                    |                          |     |  |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. §§1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. §1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. |  |                                   |                         |                                   |               |                         |                          |     |  |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Customer Number 23,599  3059  SIGNATURE  I. William Millen   |  |                                   |                         |                                   |               |                         |                          |     |  |
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